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REF: A. MUSCAT 341

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Classified By: Ambassador Gary A. Grappo for Reasons 1.4
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¶1. (C) During a May 30 conversation with the Ambassador, MFA Under Secretary Sayyid Badr al-Busaidi stated that he had recently completed three telephone calls with senior Omani officials and that as a result, a vote approving Oman's accession to the Convention on the International Trade of Endangered Species (CITES) was now set on the agenda for the Council of Ministers meeting to be held the following work week (i.e. June 2-6). The Ambassador will confirm this information during his scheduled meeting with Minister of Industry and Commerce Maqbool bin Ali Sultan on June 2.

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